

## THE ART OF SUBSPECIATION

The species that were,  
The species that are,  
The species that are to be,  
Are a source of dismay,  
In the present day,  
To philosophers, such as we.

To cover the need  
For a definite creed,  
We scientists large and small,  
Have developed a scheme,  
Which, on the surface, would seem,  
The ultimate all-in-all.

That it happened by chance,  
You may see at a glance,  
For it's simple as two and two;  
To arrive at the point  
You just measure a joint,  
And look the specimen through.

Then you note in your book,  
With a wisdomful look,  
(It's a matter of touch-and-go)  
And you give it a name,  
It may all be the same,  
Buteo buteo buteo.

Then you pass it along  
To the ignorant throng,  
With a most magnanimous air,  
Then act as the sponsor,  
And stand-by to answer,  
For the species that isn't there.

—ARTHUR LAWRENCE BOLTON.